

was also noted and he was soon given more duties and responsibilities.

In the 1970's and 1980's he served as vice president and director of American Machine and Science, Inc. [AMSI], another company owned by the late Mr. Carroll. Gary would later become president of AMSI group of companies. In the late 1980's he was appointed to serve on one of the committees of the National Machine Tool Builders, now known as the Association for Manufacturing Technology. His good suggestions and hard work earned him election in 1987 as treasurer of that organization.

Gary served as chairman of the association from 1993-94. In that capacity, he represented the association on matters of trade, technology, political, and legal matters. He led conferences and missions in Bangkok, Thailand, Japan, Hawaii, and Washington, DC. Gary was able to see some of his recommendations enacted into law by the U.S. Congress.

Gary will be remembered fondly by the many friends and family he leaves behind. He was loyal to both his friends and business associates. This loyalty was shown through his dedication to CRL industries, of which he worked for in some capacity since 1964. Gary cared for his community and friends and was generous with his time.

His memory will be cherished by his wife of 42 years, Trudy, and by his daughter and son-in-law Brenda and Ward Hinds, his brother Don and wife Barbara Garrison, and sister Dorothy and husband Daniel Nix, and sister Margaret Hauser.

Mr. Speaker, Gary was a caring individual who achieved a great deal in his lifetime. He was a leader in his community, in his business, and in national and international manufacturing technology. He will be well remembered. My most heartfelt condolences go to his friends and family.

TRIBUTE TO LT. COL. TODD E.
BLOSE

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 1995

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lt. Col. Todd E. Blose for exceptionally meritorious service from July 1993 to May 1995, while serving as the last commander of the Sacramento Depot Activity.

The closure of the Sacramento Army Depot has been an unparalleled success and has become a standard of excellence held up at the highest levels of the Army and Department of Defense. In all aspects of the closure, environmental cleanup, transfer of missions and equipment, transition of real property, and reuse of the facilities, the Sacramento Depot Activity family has led the way with resourcefulness, innovation, and dedication.

Lieutenant Colonel Blose has been the leader of this process, collaborating with a very diverse group of individuals and agencies at the

local, State, and Federal levels. Closure of the base was completed 2 years ahead of the original base closure schedule saving over \$10 million in fiscal year 1994, \$7 million in fiscal year 1995 and \$1.5 million in caretaker funds in fiscal year 1996 and fiscal year 1997.

This accelerated closure could not have been accomplished without the impressive support received from the civilian employees who were, in fact, losing their jobs through the closure. Lieutenant Colonel Blose convinced the employees that he would work hard on their behalf and gained their promise of dedicated service to support the closure process. He carried through on his promise and was able, through extensive and aggressive outplacement efforts, to place all but 161 of the original 994 employees on board when he arrived. These 161 have continued to receive support and 10 have received subsequent job placements.

Lieutenant Colonel Blose led the efforts to complete the necessary environmental documentation for closure, have the appropriate agencies review the findings, and gain their approval. Many real estate and environmental proceeding actions and negotiations had to take place concurrently so that all required documents were in place by the target closure date on March 3, 1995. There were numerous challenges encountered during the past 2 years, none more difficult than completing the radiation surveys at the depot and gaining delicensing approval. Lieutenant Colonel Blose's knowledge of radiation issues and his skill in teamwork and persuasion were vital in coercing reluctant bureaucracies to expedite their efforts on the depot's behalf and to maintain the proper balance of cost versus risk.

Lieutenant Colonel Blose also played a key role in establishing and cochairing the Restoration Advisory Board, which reviewed and ultimately supported the cleanup process. He also provided valuable input and counsel to the city of Sacramento Army Depot Reuse Commission. The resulting reuse plan laid the groundwork for attracting Packard Bell Electronics to the depot site, completely replacing the former depot work force and providing the basis for the city's \$7.2 million payment to the Army for the property in 2005.

In his command tour at Sacramento Depot Activity, Lieutenant Colonel Blose set a tone of professionalism, teamwork, and compassion. He challenged his staff and employees to perform extraordinary efforts and they responded with an accelerated closure which is being cited as the national model for base closure, environmental cleanup, and reuse. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Lieutenant Colonel Blose's exceptional leadership performance, which is a credit to himself, the Tooele Army Depot Complex, the Industrial Operations Command, and the U.S. Army.

ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY ACT OF 1995

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 1995

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing along with a number of my colleagues the Adult Education and Family Literacy Reform Act of 1995. We are pleased to join with the Administration of this effort to improve the way literacy services are provided to adults and families.

There is a literacy crisis in this country. As the 1993 National Adult Literacy survey shows, more than 20 percent of adults performed at or below the 5th grade level in reading and math—far below the level needed for effective participation in the workforce. And because a parent's educational level is a strong predictor of children's academic success, the effects of this crisis move from one generation to the next with tragic regularity. Despite the obvious need for literacy services among our Nation's adults, the Adult Education Act serves only a small percentage of those people who need help. This fact was underscored by the recent National Evaluation of Adult Education Programs. While many adults benefit from participation in the program, many leave before they achieve any literacy gains. Overall, the current design of adult education and family literacy programs is too diffuse and diverts human and financial resources from what should be the focus of all Federal literacy efforts; the provision of high-quality, results-oriented services.

The literacy crisis we are facing as a Nation are serious, ranging from the diminished productivity of business and industry to the inability of parents to help their children do better in school. In response, the Adult Education and Family Literacy Reform Act creates, by consolidating a number of related programs into a single grant to States, a performance partnership designed around five broad principles—quality, flexibility, streamlining, consumer choice, and targeting.

The bill responds to concerns regarding the potential duplication of adult education and family literacy programs by creating a single funding stream to States. It consolidates separate discretionary programs for library literacy, workplace literacy, and literacy programs for prisoners and the homeless. The bill will ensure that the needs of at-risk populations are met and requires States to assess the adult education and family literacy needs of the hard-to-serve and most-in-need.

Demand for adult education programs has exploded in recent years for reasons as varied as the need to learn English to become an American citizen, to upgrade employment skills, to obtain a GED, to learn to read and dozens of others too numerous to list today.

I hope you will join me in helping American adults reach their full potential as citizens. Please call Sara Davis or my staff.